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HERE WE GO AGAIN

Lieut. General F. E. Anderson, Chief of Air Force Research and Development, recently announced plans to "shoot for the moon" in August. Immediately afterwards, Roy W. Johnson, Director of Space-Age affairs at the Pentagon, denied there had been any final decision.

The reaction from those who have followed the publicity and public relations of the United States military authorities in the missiles and rockets field, is a bleak one. It is obviously in the poorest taste for the United States to begin talking about trying to shoot for the moon in August.

We talked too much about our planned satellites in 1957, and got unfavorable world opinion when repeated efforts to get a satellite up did not meet with hoped-for success. It would now seem to us to be prudent to more certain of our ability to succeed before announcing what we intend to do.

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THE DEFICIT

Although the deficit for the coming fiscal year is difficult to predict, it is not difficult to forecast a whopping red-ink budget for the year beginning July 1.

Congress has voted pay raises for military personnel, government employees, has extended unemployment compensation aid, has adopted anti-recession measures, and has increased defense spending. These expenditures, plus decreasing tax revenues, indicate that a big deficit will be rung up in the coming fiscal year.

The Administration's high interest rate experiment, which was hailed as a method of checking inflation, and which has now been abandoned, proved tremendously expensive to the American taxpayer. It allowed those who lend money to the government—the financial giants among others—to realize fat interest returns on government paper. This increased the cost of the public debt. There is nothing to indicate that the debt will ever be paid off, and if the current trend of continuing large deficits keeps up, with high interest rates, the time will come when the taxpayer must demand relief from an impossible burden. The road which passes through a lane of increased debts, more and more borrowing and heavier and heavier involvement can only end in fiscal disaster.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY, 1958

The adoption of a resolution authored by five members of the Continental Congress, July 4th, 1776, is one of the great days of democratic civilization and history.

The resolution was authored by Thomas Jefferson, chairman, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Roger Livingston. Adoption of the resolution dissolving ties between England and the American colonies, required courage and faith.

General Washington, in general orders to his troops, reminded them: "The general hopes that this important event will serve as fresh incentive to every officer and soldier .. the peace and safety of his country depends, under God, solely on the success of our arms....."

Most Americans know of the long, bitter struggle which ensued. Independence and freedom were not easily won. Many paid with their lives. Ever since, this freedom, our independence, has been jealously guarded and defended. On each July 4 we think of it anew, and weigh its value.

In 1958, we face the challenge of Communism, military and economic. In principle, the test we face has not changed. Once again America must rise to the challenge and meet the issue. It is a sobering thought as we look back on July 4th, 1776. We cannot afford to fail.

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JULY

The month of July takes its name from Julius Caesar. It contains many historic anniversaries — American Independence Day, the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, etc.

Calvin Coolidge was born on the 4th, in 1872, at Plymouth, Vermont. The first admiral in the U. S. Navy, David G. Farragut, was born at Knoxville, Tennessee, on July 5th, 1801. The Republican Party was founded July 6, 1854, at Jackson, Michigan.

John D. Rockefeller was born July 8th, 1839. John Quincy Adams, sixth U. S. President, was born July 11th, 1767, at Quincy, Massachusetts. Nathan B. Forerest was born in Marshall County, Tennessee, July 13th, 1821. And John Paul Jones was born in Scotland on July 18th, 1747.

July is the month of full-bloom summer, or mid-summer. After July, it is apparent, even in hot August, that summer is running out. It is the month of vacations, holidays, swimming and outdoor pleasures, family reunions and church meetings. It is a month to enjoy!

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GETTING SOMETHING OUT OF LIFE

Americans are the richest people on the face of th earth. In luxuries and labor-saving devices, they have more, per family, than any other people on earth.

On the other hand, it has been said, and perhaps rightly so, that Americans often get very little out of life. One cannot but be impressed by the great fun, wonderful family life, devotion and hard work and happiness exhibited in so many households in Europe.

One cannot but admire the attitude of many Europeans. Comparatively, they have quite little, and yet they seem to be happy, and life seems to be a wonderous thing, as they weave their way through it. They get great satisfaction and enjoyment out of the smallest things, even if it is, in the case of a young married couple, looking out of the window at the trains that go by.

Of course, one cannot cite a few simple examples and prove a point in a discussion of this kind. However, suffice it to say that some of the world's greatest scholars and wisest men believe the average individual in western Europe gets far greater mileage out of the few benefits and pleasures he enjoys in life than do Americans — with their many. In the final test it is not how much money, or how many luxuries, or how much wealth, a family can amass. The final test, and what life is all about, is whether through good and clean Christian living, through a humble and appreciative approach to life's pages, one can laugh, enjoy himself, and understand, to some extent at least, himself, others, and the world about him. One of the keys to the question is one's attitude and approach to life. Another is the fact that happy people usually work.

Too many Americans do not work enough to be happy. Witness the number of elderly women touring hither and yon, whose husbands have died in the pressure-game of piling up luxuries and riches, at a premature date, leaving the eldrly women to become lost and unhappy in a world where life simply passes them by. Old civilizations can teach us much. America is a young nation, and, even in this atomic age, we should take a page out of the book of older cultures, learn to get something out of life, take time to enjoy it, and remember that nothing is so important that it is advisable to pay too great a price for it.

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It's a good idea to buy from a merchant who frankly admits he is making a reasonable profit.

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The man who has an inflated idea of his own importance usually finds that the community has him sized up as he would look after deflation.

Route Three

Route Three, July 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and son, Raymond, of Seattle, Washington, have returned home after visiting in the homes of Mrs. J. D. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien. They made the trip by car, stopping in Mankato, Minnesota to visit Dr. and Mrs. Louis Balcziak, of that city.

Dr. John Norris, of Seattle, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jones on the trip. He was a house guest of Mrs. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien for a week. He left Appomattox for Rochester, New York, where he attended the graduation of his son, Jake Norris, from the University of Rochester Medical School. The younger Dr. Norris will continue his medial work in Pathology at the Boston Clinic of Pathology.

Other visitors in this same home included Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harris and children, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harris, Mr and Mrs. Grover Carter, Lewis Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Day, Mrs. Eddie Carter, Mary Anne McFadden and Alfred Almond.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis Balcziak, of Mankato, Minnesota, are expected to arrive in Appomattox for a visit the latter part of July. Dr. Balcziak is teaching summer school at Mankato State College, and will have the month of August to travel in Virginia for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. William McFadden, Mrs. William Harris and daughters, Linda and Judy, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Elmore McFadden and Mrs. Leons, of Maryland, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin and son, of Lynchburg, were weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Estelle Franklin.

Carson and Gary Johnson, of Canover, N. C., are visiting for a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ferguson.

Mrs. Roland Ferguson spent last Friday in Richmond with Mrs. Frances Fein and her children.

Mrs. Willie Bryant and Mrs. Leonard Moses have returned home from the hospital. We hope they'll soon be well and up again.

Richwood

Richwood, July 1.- "The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things." -Proverb.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodall, of Lynchburg visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Pugh and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Wednesday afternoon.

A. B. Hunter, Jr. was in Lynchburg on business Thursday.

Judy and Jane Ferguson, of Lynchburg are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson are spending their vacation in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Garrett and Mrs. Wade Ferguson were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and Judy and Jane.

G. R. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle were in Brookneal on business one day last week.

G. W. Wooldridge and Miss Estella Wooldridge visited one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. T T. Wooldridge.

Rocks

Rocks, June 30.- We were thankful of the rain last week. Farmers are busy now with their wheat.

Mrs. Earl Shelton had charge of the prayer service on Thursday night. Only a few out.

Mrs. Mary Inge, Mrs. W. H. Ransom, Mrs. Robert Roach and Mrs. Toby Inge were helping Mrs. D. R. Inge do some quilting Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lowe and children, of Roanoke were visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach Sunday.

We regret to hear of the passing of our colored neighbor, James Walker, of near Forest Chapel Church.

Mrs. D. R. Inge and Mrs. Toby Inge and children were visiting Mrs. Hunter Martin awhile Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McIntosh and Teresa, of Evergreen spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach.

The field meeting of the churches met at Rocks Church Sunday afternoon.

The revival will begin here this Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock.

Cassie Baldwin spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. George Carter, of near Sheppards.

Marvin Paulette, of Lynchburg, was in the neighborhood last Tuesday.

Ruby Richardson and a few others went over the Skyline Drive Sunday.

Colored Dots

An appreciative crowd attended the fourth anniversary of the Brotherhood Club of the Mount Airy Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7:30. The president of the club, deacon Percy Johnson, served as master of ceremony, and gave the history of the club. The junior choir, under the direction of Al Walker Johnson, rendered special music. The anniversary sermon was delivered by Rev. F. A. Dane, pastor of the Second Mineral Baptist Church in Nelson County. Remarks were given by members of visiting clubs, Rev. R. Q. Lawing, and the pastor of the church, Rev. Hi-Hi Pryor. An offering of $44.75 was taken.

The Rev. C. A. Marshall will preach at the 3 P. M. service at the Oak Hill Baptist Church in Buckingham this Sunday.

The Rev. James Franklin will preach at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday at 8 P. M. The service is being sponsored by the church choir.

The public is reminded of the special musical program at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the second Sunday night in July, at 8 P. M., by the Singers, of Colonial Heights. An overflow crowd was present at the regular morning worship day Union, held at the Mt. Airy Baptist Sunday morning. The vice-president, Mr. Walker presided. The program was good. A sermon was delivered by the pastor, a primary class was led by Henrietta Venable, and an offering of $16.00 was delivered by the pastor.

Mrs. T. W. Jones is spending this week-end in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

House committee on national defense budget.

Group moves to restore monetary policy.

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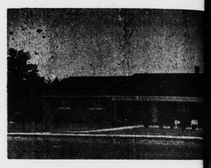

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Spring

Spring, July 1.- Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baker and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Warwick, Va. Also Mr. A. W. Wootton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, and daughter, of Lynch.

Robert Martin, Miss Ann Martin, Mrs. Pudden Childress are visiting in Florida this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martin and Mrs. and Mrs. David Harvey and son, Jerry, and Mrs. Jean Wright, Miss Ann Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Martin and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ferguson last Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wright and daughter, of Madison Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Patterson and Debbie, all visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin on Sunday.

Hixburg

Hixburg, July 1.- During an electric storm on Thursday afternoon, lightning ripped long slabs of bark from a big oak tree on the grounds of Walker's Presbyterian Church at Hixburg, and broke one window in the church. This is one of the original trees that Dr. Walker planted in groups of two to form a "W" when he gave the land for a union church which was erected in 1802.

Also, on Thursday, Raymond Walker (colored) lost all three of his cows when lightning hit them. As he is well thought of, people are giving money for him to buy more.

"Where did they come from?" some have asked about the 44 children who enrolled in the Bible School at Walker's Presbyterian Church last week.

That is easy to answer. Some Baptists of Hollywood Baptist Church brought their children, and helped with the school.

The interest was so high, and the conduct was so excellent, Wilbur Maxwell, assistant pastor, said he'd never seen anything like it. He and Mrs. Edward Webb taught the juniors.

Other helpers were Mrs. Marvin Glover, Mrs. Christine Brown, Mrs. Jim Carson, Mrs. Belle Marshall, Ida Virginia and Estelle Covington, Mrs. E. A. Covington, Mrs. Rob Covington, Marjorie Goin, Mr. DeWitt Goin and Dr. Twyman Williams.

On Thursday, Nannie Belle Goin and Jean Brown left with their aunt, Mrs. Eugene Dunnaway, to motor to Detroit. They will be guests of Mrs. Dunnaway for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trivett, of Newport News called on the Gene Searses and Hunter Baldwins on Saturday afternoon. They were en route to Tennessee to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Baldwin announce the birth of a son, Daniel Lee at Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, on June 19.

Ann Martin attended the 4-H Club Short Course at Blacksburg last week.

Callers on Miss Maggie Hix during the week-end were Mrs. Boyd Ford, and Mrs. H. M. Marshall, of Pamplin; Mrs. Mae Cleland, of Washington, and Mrs. Eugene Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Trump (nee Elizabeth Chamberlain) of Boone, Iowa, and Miss Edith Chamberlain, of Pueblo, Colo., are expected to arrive at a motel near Appomattox on July 8. From there they will visit relatives and friends. The ladies are daughters of the late Mrs. Walter Chamberlain (nee Sadie Hix).

NASH FAMILY REUNION

Spout Spring.- The Nash family reunion was held Sunday, June 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Scott, Jr., of Spout Spring, formerly the Nash home. Picnic lunch was served on the lawn. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Nash and daughter, June; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nash, of Spout Spring; Mrs. Wirt Hamlett, Longhurst, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brooks, Jr., and sons, Donny, David and Dennis, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Housman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Powers and sons, Butch and Robert, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Addison Booth and children, Ray and Frances, and Mr. Bass, of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Goff, of Rustburg; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Scott, Jr. and children, Sammie, Marie, Debbie, Amy, Kathy, Connie and Jo Ann.

Play safe—drive carefully.

I am the Nation...

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. *I am the nation.*

I am 165 million living souls—and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys, and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, and on the bleak slopes of Korea.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas, and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages — and cities that never sleep.

You can look at *me* and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of *Auld Lang Syne* as the calendar turns.

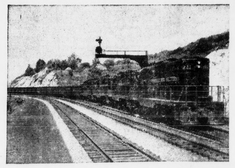
I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper, and a letter to a Congressman.

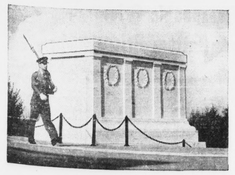
I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers, and the Wright brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

Yes, I am the nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer on July 4, 1958 — one hundred eighty-two years after I was born.





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